

SENATE RESOLUTION 8  
By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to honor James A. Massey upon his meritorious service to the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to recognize one of the most dedicated and proficient public servants that this Body has ever employed; and

WHEREAS, the inimitable James A. Massey, Chief of Staff for Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder for the past year, has served this General Assembly with the utmost integrity and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, as Chief of Staff for the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate, Jim Massey has demonstrated his peerless talents as a manager, negotiator, mediator, liaison and leader, and he has evidenced his commitment to good, efficient government in a wide variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, his guidance and his counsel have been invaluable to Lieutenant Governor Wilder and the members of the Senate as they have worked to implement public policy responsive to the needs of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, his interactions with members and staff alike have been affable and sincere, and the advice he has provided to this Body has ever been both reliable and sagacious; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself by means of his astute efforts to improve the management of the state's resources; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Massey's meticulous attention to detail is tempered by his ability to view concepts in a broader perspective; this flexibility and his impartiality in carefully considering all sides of any given issue have been of great service to this General Assembly as we have dealt with the many complex problems facing Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in fact, the counsel and support that Jim Massey has rendered to this Body has, in all instances, been exemplary; and

WHEREAS, if possible, his present term of service as Chief of Staff has surpassed his previous superlative tenure with Lieutenant Governor Wilder; and

WHEREAS, Jim Massey has announced his decision to relinquish his post to pursue other opportunities; and

WHEREAS, while we can certainly understand this action, nevertheless, his considerable abilities, his thorough professionalism, and his singular dedication will be sorely missed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend James A. Massey upon his meritorious service as Chief of Staff for Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder, and extend to this gentleman our thanks for his dedication and efficiency in a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Mr. Massey all the best as he explores new horizons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Jim Massey as a token of our esteem.

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